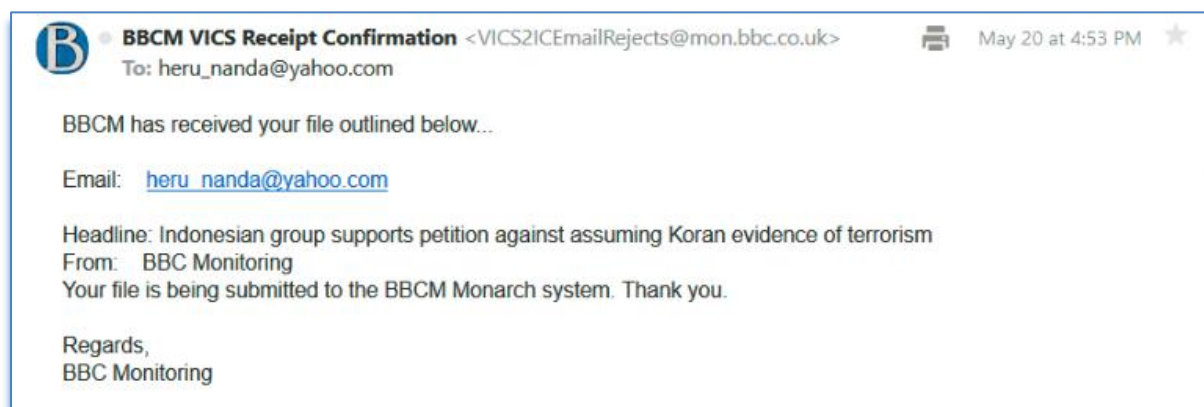




Indonesian Group Supports Petition against Assuming Koran Evidence of Terrorism



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A petition against one of the policies of Polri or the Indonesian National Police to assume a copy of Koran as one's evidence that he or she is an alleged terrorist, has spread up in Indonesian social media and some websites such as *change.org* since Thursday (on 17 May).

The idea demanding Polri not to do so has also been supported by the management of NU [the largest Islamic community organization in Indonesia].

One of NU's leaders, Muhammad Imam Aziz, for example, said Friday (on 18 May) that the copy of Koran could not be made use as an evidence of conducting a crime against humanity such as terrorism actions.

He further said that Islamic teachings as reflected in Koran were not about teaching terrorism actions.

The petition, which was claimed to be conducted in the name of Muslims, has been signed, so far, by 9,814 people.

One of the items in the petition says about such a respectful and holy Koran that the copy of Koran has never ever been used in Indonesia as one's evidence that he or she is an alleged criminal.

[It was reported earlier, for example, that Densus 88 or the police's Detachment 88 anti-terrorism squad had arrested MYR (28), an online taxi driver in Medan, North Sumatra. The squad had also seized his belongings such as, among others two copies of Koran, some CDs, and a note book. The similar reports on terrorism had often been carried on many Indonesian media.]

The petition also questions that such an unnecessary mistake has been carelessly made by Densus 88.

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